



PESTICIDE *ESA* NEWS

Washington State Department of Agriculture ➔ Endangered Species Program Newsletter

WSDA to hold state-initiated plan workshop in July

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) will hold a half-day workshop in July to discuss the process for the proposal and approval of a state-initiated plan to protect threatened and endangered species in Washington state. Workshop attendees will become acquainted with the legal, technical and political complexities of developing a Washington state plan.

The announcement for the workshop as well as state-initiated plan updates will be distributed by e-mail using the Pesticide *ESA* News distribution list.

Stakeholders interested in participating in the development of the state-initiated plan should contact WSDA at esp@agr.wa.gov. WSDA will distribute development materials to those individuals who asked to be involved in the design of the Washington plan.

WSDA will be working with EPA, NMFS, the Washington State Pesticide Advisory Board and interested stakeholders to develop the Washington state plan.

For additional information about the Washington state-initiated plan, see the Feb. 7 and April 11 issues of Pesticide *ESA* News. ➔

Subcommittee discusses WSDA data

The Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee on surface water monitoring met in Olympia May 14 to discuss the data WSDA is developing to assess the effect of pesticides on threatened and endangered salmonids. The data being developed includes surface water monitoring data, GIS data for Washington crops, and crop and pesticide use summaries. The committee will review the process WSDA uses for creating crop and pesticide use summaries at its next meeting.

The next meeting will be in Toppenish from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 19. The meeting will be held in the conference room of Toppenish Safe Haven, 410 Washington Avenue.

The crop and pesticide use summaries describe the pesticides used on a specific crop as well as the pest, method, rate and interval of application. WSDA plans to use the summaries as part of a data package for EPA that portrays the relationship between agriculture practices and salmonid habitat in Washington state.

For additional information or directions to this meeting, please contact Jim Cowles at (360) 902-2066 or Steve George, ad-hoc committee chairman, at (509) 453-4749. You may also get information by sending an e-mail to esp@agr.wa.gov. ➔



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QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Endangered Species Program, visit our Web site at <http://www.agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/EndangSpecies.htm>

WSDA welcomes your input. Please send your comments and questions to the Endangered Species Program
esp@agr.wa.gov

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WSDA seeks input from the pest control operators

WSDA staff is requesting pest control operators to assist the department in the creation of home landscape and garden pesticide use summaries. WSDA is encouraging all commercial applicators, operators and consultants to participate in the development of these summaries.

WSDA wants home landscape and garden pesticide user groups involved in the development of the pesticide use summaries to ensure that the summaries are current, concise and comprehensive.

WSDA proposes to provide pesticide use summaries to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The state-specific summaries include specific pesticide information, pest, method, timing and location for each application as well as descriptions of where specific crops are grown and use estimates by commodity.

These summaries will be key components of the Washington state-initiated plan.

The Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee meeting to discuss home landscape and garden pesticide use summaries will be held in late summer or early fall and announced in the Pesticide/ESA Newsletter. To receive notification about the meeting, contact Jim Cowles at (360) 902-2066. You may write to WSDA, Endangered Species Program, P.O. Box 42589, Olympia, WA 98504-2589 or esp@agr.wa.gov. ➔

WSDA's Web site address changed June 9



Please note that the Washington State Department of Agriculture Web site address changed to <http://agr.wa.gov> on June 9, 2003. Please update any links, bookmarks or references to this site. The old URL was <http://www.wa.gov/agr>. ➔

Endangered Species Program receives employee recognition

The Endangered Species Program was acknowledged at the May 6 employee recognition luncheon as deserving credit for outstanding performance in serving agriculture.

"The Endangered Species Program has done an excellent job of collecting and analyzing data to support both agriculture and the protection of threatened and endangered salmonids," said Bill Brookreson, WSDA deputy director and master of ceremonies.

The program staff was selected as a team of the year for their work in assessing pesticide impacts on threatened and endangered salmonids. The team members, representing both sides of the Cascades, are Bridget Moran, Deborah Bahs, Perry Beale, Jim Cowles, Ted Maxwell, Ed Thompson and Ed Von Grey.

Ed Thompson, the program database developer, was one of 48 employees selected by their workgroup peers as "employees of the year." Thompson has been instrumental in gathering the complex data needed by the program staff to develop accurate pesticide exposure assessments for salmonids.

More than 250 employees were nominated by co-workers for either team awards or for "Employee of the Year" recognition as part of Public Service Recognition Week.



Endangered Species Program team (from left): Bridget Moran, Perry Beale, Ed Thompson, Jim Cowles, Deborah Bahs, Ed Von Grey, and Ted Maxwell